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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-27 (cancelled)

- 28. (previously presented) A microemulsion which comprises an additive, and said additive is an AB block copolymer having a water-soluble block A and a water-insoluble block B.
- 29. (previously presented) The microemulsion according to claim 28, wherein the water-insoluble block B is soluble in aliphatic hydrocarbons and in mineral oils.
- 30. (previously presented) The microemulsion according to claim 28, wherein said additive is an AB block copolymer having the structure according to the pattern ABA or BAB.
- 31. (Currently amended) The microemulsion according to claim 28, wherein the block A has a molecular weight between 500 u and 60,000 u 500 μ and 60,000 μ.
- 32. (Currently amended) The microemulsion according to claim 28, wherein the block B has a molecular weight between 500 u and 60,000 u 500 μ and 60,000 μ.
- 33. (previously presented) The microemulsion according to claim 28, wherein the block A polymer is a polyethylene oxide.
- 34. (previously presented) The microemulsion according to claim 28, wherein block B polymer is a polydiene or an at least partially hydrated polydiene.
- 35. (previously presented) The microemulsion according to claim 33, wherein block B polymer is a polydiene or an at least partially hydrated polydiene.

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36. (previously presented) The microemulsion according to claim 34, wherein said block copolymer AB as side chains, block B comprises as least one component selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, phenyl and vinyl.

- 37. (previously presented) The microemulsion according to claim 28, wherein the microemulsion is an admixture in a substance.
- 38. (new) A method for increasing the efficiency of surfactants through the admixture of additives having a water-soluble fraction and a water-insoluble fraction, characterized in that an AB block copolymer having a water-soluble block A and a water-insoluble block B is admixed as the additive.